

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR)	ORDER APPROVING THIRD
APPROVAL OF A THIRD AMENDMENT TO AN)	AMENDMENT TO
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN)	AGREEMENT
QWEST CORPORATION AND SPRINT)	
COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P.)	TC01-006

On January 17, 2001, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a third amendment to an interconnection agreement between Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint) and Qwest. The third amendment adds terms and conditions for Complex Firm Order Confirmation.

On January 18, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing of the third amendment to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval had until February 6, 2001, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed February 21, 2001, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated third amendment to the agreement between Qwest and Sprint. Commission Staff recommended its approval.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, and the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. In accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2), the Commission found that the third amendment does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the third amendment and the third amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the third amendment to the agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the negotiated third amendment to the agreement as described herein.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28th day of February, 2001.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner